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## **AMERICAN BAPTIST RESOLUTION ON VOLUNTARY SERVICE**

We recognize that all persons bear a responsibility to make a positive contribution to society in return for the opportunities that society has given to them and in order to assist in providing opportunities for others. We, therefore, commend those who have given freely of themselves in the Peace Corps, Points of Light, Americorps, National Service and American Baptist Volunteer Services and other forms of service. We urge American Baptist Churches and its program boards to pioneer in the development of additional opportunities for volunteer service.

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### **POLICY BASE**

#### **Statement of Purpose of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.**

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. acknowledges that God's will is also manifested in movements outside the formal structures of Christ's church, and that, therefore, it must respond faithfully to such disclosures.

- to guide, unify, and assist American Baptists in their witness in the world, in preparing members for the work of ministry, and in serving both those within and outside the fellowship of Christ;
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